

Claims:

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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of detecting a watermark in a compressed video signal comprising spectral coefficients obtained by transforming at least one picture ~~pictures~~ of said video signal, the method comprising: ~~consisting essentially of the steps:~~

accumulating spatially corresponding coefficients of ~~a plurality of pictures~~ at least one picture of one frame of the video signal, wherein a picture is an array of pixels having the same size as the watermark;

inverse transforming said accumulated coefficients into an accumulated plurality of pictures; and

detecting the watermark in said accumulated plurality of pictures.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said encoded video signal includes predictively encoded pictures each comprising coefficients representing a residual picture after subtracting a prediction picture, and wherein the step of accumulating coefficients is applied to the coefficients representing said residual pictures irrespective of coefficients representing the prediction picture.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said predictively encoded pictures further include motion vectors, and wherein the step of accumulating coefficients is carried out irrespective of said motion vectors.